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Art Unit	2825
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Attorney Docket Number	MI22-1676

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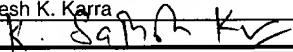
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**RESPONSE TO APRIL 7, 2004 OFFICE ACTION ACCOMPANIED BY A
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Responsive to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, Applicant amends and
remarks as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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